Public Notice Proposed Issuance of a Construction Permit for Illinois River Energy, LLC in Rochelle

Illinois River Energy, LLC has requested that the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Illinois EPA) issue a construction permit for its ethanol production plant to be located at 1900 Steward Road in Rochelle. The company must obtain a construction permit because the ethanol plant will be a source of air emissions, however the project is not a major new source or modification as defined by the federal Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) rules, 40 CFR 52.21. The Illinois EPA is accepting comments prior to making a final decision on this project.

Persons wanting more information may obtain copies of the draft permit, and project summary at www.epa.gov/region5/air/permits/ilonline.htm (please look under All Permit Records, State Construction Permits, New). These documents and the application can also be obtained from the Illinois EPA's offices at 12 Gunia Drive in LaSalle, 815/223-1344 and 1340 North Ninth St., Springfield, 217/782-7027 (for either location please call ahead to assure that someone will be available to assist you). Copies of the documents will be made available upon request.

The Illinois EPA is accepting comments prior to making a final decision on this project. Comments must be postmarked by midnight January 6, 2004. If sufficient interest is expressed in the permit, a hearing may be held. Requests for information, comments, and questions should be directed to Brad Frost, Division of Air Pollution Control, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, PO. Box 19506, Springfield, Illinois 62794-9506, phone 217/782-2113, TDD phone number 217/782-9143.